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Memorandum

TO : Director of Basic and Geographic Intelligence DATE: 25 February 1969

: Deputy Director of Basic and Geographic Intelligence THRU

: Chief, Cartography Division, OBGI FROM

SUBJECT: Status of Unclassified Folio of Summary Maps

- 1. In November 1967 approval was secured from D/BGI to collect, as produced, 500 untrimmed copies of each Summary Map and store in Records Center for the future publication of a series of unclassified map folios on selected areas of the world.
- 2. I have reviewed this program with the aim of informing you of its status. As can be noted from the attached list and map, 33 countries have been accumulated since January 1968, and, of course, many scheduled for production in FY 69 are on the way to completion. As you can see on the attached map these countries are widely distributed and in no area are sufficient countries complete to put into a folio. Even with the projection of FY 69 and 70, it is questionable if worthwhile folios could be assembled.
- 3. I also want to call your attention to the problem of storing these maps in the Records Center. As you know there is high-level pressure to reduce storage use by 50%, and in talking with Chief, PD, recently, he commented on the growing accumulation of these maps in Records Center. As of this date, approximately 16,500 copies are packaged there awaiting use, and, if we project 30 maps each year for the next 2, a total of nearly 50,000 sheets will have accumulated.
- 4. I have no recommendations for or against this program at this time. I believe, however, that a review is necessary and that certain basic questions as to content of the folios and consumer use need to be answered.

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Attachments:

- 1. Summary Maps Held for Unclassified Map Folios
- 2. Map
- Original Memo Proposing Summary Map Regional Folios, dated 17 Nov. 1967